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SUBJ: DECREE ISSUED ESTABLISHING NEW NARCOTICS BUREAU

1. A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 21 ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (DNN) AS A SEPARATE ENTITY WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THE DECREE GIVES THE NEW DEPARTMENT SOLE JURISDICTION OVER THE INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND USE ON A NATION-WIDE BASIS AND ENJOINS ALL OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO COOPERATE. ALL CASES OF NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS ENCOUNTERED BY LOCAL POLICE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DNN FOR PROSECUTION.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THAT IT ESTABLISHED THE FOREGOING BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE, THEREBY GIVING THE DNN A PERMANENT STATUS THAT CAN ONLY BE CHANGED BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT. IN FACT, THE DNN WAS ORGANIZED AS A SEPARATE ENTITY LAST MARCH BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, BUT HERETOFORE HAS LACKED THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON A NATION-WIDE BASIS OR TO COMPEL THE COOPERATION OF OTHER LAW ENFORCE-
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MENT AGENCIES. PREVIOUSLY THE DNN ALSO COULD HAVE BEEN

CHANGED OR ABOLISHED BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER. THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOW PROVIDES A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR AN EFFECTIVE DNN. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY OTHER OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME IN PARAGUAY BEFORE THE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORT COULD BECOME TRULY EFFECTIVE, THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE REPRESENTS A STEP FORWARD.
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